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## MINUTES

August 26 and 27, 1999  
University of Montana Biological Station  
Yellow Bay, Montana

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Exhibits are on file in the offices of the Legislative Services Division.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rep. William Menahan (Chairman)  
Sen. Tom Beck (Vice Chairman)  
Sen. Bruce Crippen  
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens  
Sen. Mack Cole  
Rep. Emily Swanson  
Rep. Mark Noennig  
Rep. Karl Ohs  
Rep. Paul Sliter

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Sen. Steve Doherty  
Sen. Debbie Shea  
Rep. Billie I. Krenzler



## **STAFF PRESENT**

Robert B. Person, Executive Director  
Ellen Garrity, Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting at Yellow Bay on Flathead Lake was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chairman Menahan. The Chairman turned the meeting over to Bob Person to conduct the planning session.

A summary of the planning session is attached.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

Rep. Sliter said the HJR 339 study (judicial reapportionment) should begin after the new appointments are made to the new judicial districts as required by SB 273. SB 273 separated Stillwater, Big Horn, and Carbon Counties from the Yellowstone County Judicial District and gave them their own judge. SB 273 also added a judge to both Flathead and Lake Counties. Recommendations have been made for the appointments to the judicial nominating committee and interviews are being scheduled.

Mr. Person said Susan Fox will appear at the January meeting of the Council to discuss judicial districting.

Sen. Crippen said he will continue to act as liaison between the Council and the capitol renovation. At the next meeting, the members will tour the capitol.

Sen. Crippen said the Montana Legislature was asked to host the Council of State Governments West Annual Meeting. The Council made no decision and asked staff to

provide an estimate of the financial commitment involved in hosting the meeting. This topic will be included on the September 17 agenda.

Sen. Christiaens asked about the Kumomoto visit. Mr. Person said a delegation from Kumamoto recently visited Helena, had lunch with a few legislators, and exchanged gifts.

Sen. Cole asked about the study on televising legislative deliberations. Mr. Person said Stephen Maly will make a presentation on this study at the next meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be September 17 in Helena. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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